

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, our state's senior citizens and adults with disabilities are valued members of our families, our society, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, tragically, these residents are often vulnerable to physical and psychological abuse, burglary, fraud, neglect, exploitation, and other crimes because they are not able to provide for their own care or protection; and

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Adult Protection Act protects vulnerable disabled and elderly persons by creating a system for reporting, investigating, and prosecuting adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation and by allowing law enforcement to take adults into protective custody when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Vulnerable Adult Awareness Month reminds us of our shared responsibility to help ensure the health, safety, dignity, and well-being of all disabled and elderly adults each and every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as

VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support the worth and dignity of all individuals and to work together to secure the right of all our residents to live free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA